

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A wheel having a disk and a rim for mounting a pneumatic tire joined to a peripheral edge of the disk, the rim having a rim body joined to the disk at a join position, and rim flanges joined to both width direction sides of the rim body, the disk being offset to one side with respect to a width direction center of the rim,

wherein the rim body has a rim body portion extending from the join position to a boundary position between the rim body and the rim flange on the other side of the width direction center, the rim body portion consisting of three equal sections into which the rim body portion is equally divided along a center axis of rotation of the wheel, the equal section positioned nearer to the rim flange on the other side of the width direction center from the join position being thinner in average rim thickness than the other two equal sections,

wherein further the three equally divided equal sections have average rim thicknesses, a difference between the average rim thicknesses of each pair of adjacent equal sections being 0.5 mm to 5 mm,~~and~~

the three equally divided equal sections consist of a disk side equal section joined to the disk, a flange side equal section joined to the rim flange on the other side, and a middle equal section located between the flange side equal section and the disk side equal

section, the average rim thickness of the disk side equal section being 3.5 mm to 8 mm, the average rim thickness of the flange side equal section being 2.5 mm to 3 mm, and wherein a spring constant of the rim body portion is maintained such that a natural frequency of the wheel is greater than a natural frequency of the pneumatic tire.

2-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) A wheel according to claim 1, wherein the rim body portion is thinner in rim thickness toward the rim flange on the other side of the width direction center from the join position.

5. (Previously Presented) A wheel according to claim 4, wherein the rim body portion is thinner in rim thickness as getting closer to the rim flange on the other side of the width direction center from the join position.

6. (Previously Presented) A wheel according to claim 1, wherein the rim body includes a well, to which the disk is connected, the disk having a thickness larger than the thickness of the disk side portion of the rim.